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SUBJECT: AGREEMENT REQUEST FOR ABDELHADI BOUTALEB AS NEW
MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR TO UNITED STATES

REF: STATE 207029

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY SECY GENERAL IRAQUI REQUESTED EMBASSY
TO PASS FOLLOWING CURRICULUM VITAE ON ABDELHADI BOUTALEB,
PROPOSED AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO U.S., TO DEPARTMENT.

2. BEGIN C.V. BORN IN FES DECEMBER 3, 1923. MARRIED,
3 CHILDREN. GRADUATE OF KARAOUYNE UNIVERSITY 1943.
FROM 1944-1948 TEACHER OF HIS MAJESTY KING HASSAN II
(THEN CROWN PRINCE) IN HISTORY AND ARABIC LITERATURE.

3. IN 1948 FOUNDED DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF INDEPENDENCE (DPI),
OF WHICH HE WAS A MEMBER OF POLITICAL BUREAU FROM 1948 TO 1959.
DURING THIS PERIOD, HE WAS CHIEF EDITOR OF NEWSPAPER,
"ARRAI AL AM."

4. AUTHOR OF SEVERAL WORKS, INCLUDING "THE MINISTER OF
GRANADA," HISTORICAL WORKS COVERING THE DECLINE OF ANDALUSIA,
AND ANOTHER WORK ENTITLED "FROM THE STRUGGLE FOR
INDEPENDENCE TO THE STRUGGLE FOR DEMOCRACY."

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5. TOOK PART IN 1951 IN THE MOROCCAN NATIONALIST DELEGATION

WHICH PRESENTED THE MOROCCAN PROBLEM AT MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS HELD AT PALAIS DE CHAILLOT IN PARIS. HE WAS ONE OF LEADERS OPPOSED TO FRENCH COLONIALISM AFTER EXILE OF HIS MAJESTY (LATE) MOHAMMED V IN AUGUST, 1953. WAS IN FORCED RESIDENCE IN CASABLANCA FROM AUGUST, 1953, TO FEBRUARY, 1954. HEADED MOROCCAN NATIONALIST DELEGATION IN PARIS CHARGED WITH MAKING KNOWN THE PROBLEM OF MOROCCAN INDEPENDENCE IN FRENCH PARLIAMENTARY AND POLITICAL CIRCLES; DURING THIS SAME PERIOD, GAVE SEVERAL PRESS CONFERENCES AND WROTE SEVERAL ARTICLES IN THE FRENCH PRESS.

6. HE WAS PART OF OFFICIAL MOROCCAN DELEGATION AT AIX-LES-BAINS IN FRANCE, RESPONSIBLE FOR NEGOTIATING MOROCCAN INDEPENDENCE AND THE RETURN OF KING MOHAMMED V FROM EXILE. HE WAS A MEMBER OF MOROCCAN NATIONALIST DELEGATION ENTRUSTED BY NATIONAL MOVEMENT TO INFORM KING MOHAMMED V IN EXILE AT ANTIRABE IN MADAGASCAR OF ACCORDS OF AIX-LES-BAINS. ACCOMPANIED KING MOHAMMED V ON HIS RETURN FROM EXILE TO MOROCCO.

7. ON INDEPENDENCE, HE WAS MINISTER OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS FROM DECEMBER, 1955, TO OCTOBER, 1956. HEADED MOROCCAN DELEGATION TO THE ILO IN GENEVA IN 1956. WAS ONE OF FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF POPULAR FORCES (UNFP) OF WHICH HE WAS ONE OF THE SECRETARIES GENERAL FROM SEPTEMBER, 1959, TO NOVEMBER, 1960. REPRESENTED MOROCCO AT THE CONGRESS OF AFRICAN PEOPLES DURING MEETING HELD IN TUNIS IN JANUARY, 1960. AMBASSADOR OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING TO DAMASCUS. SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INFORMATION, YOUTH AND SPORTS. MINISTER OF THE SAHARA AND MAURITANIA. MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND SPOKESMAN OF THE GOVERNMENT FOR PARLIAMENT. MINISTER OF JUSTICE AUGUST 20, 1964. MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION. MINISTER OF STATE IN ROYAL CABINET. MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OCTOBER, 1969. PRESIDENT OF CHAMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES OCTOBER, 1970. PROFESSOR AT FACULTY OF LAW IN RABAT IN 1971. END C.V.
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